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H.R. No. 1114

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Jeff Davis County suffered a
2 tremendous loss with the death of County Judge Kerith Risa
3 Sproul-Hurley on August 2, 2020, at the age of 45; and

4 WHEREAS, Kerith Sproul-Hurley was born in El Paso on June 25,
5 1975, to Alice Sproul Johnson and Theodore Dale Johnson, and from
6 the age of six, she grew up near Fort Davis at her grandparents'
7 ranch, which was founded by her great-great-grandfather, R. S.
8 Sproul, in 1886; during her youth, she learned the ins and outs of
9 ranching and hunting, and she developed a deep appreciation for the
10 natural beauty of West Texas; and

11 WHEREAS, After graduating from Fort Davis High School,
12 Ms. Sproul-Hurley attended Texas A&M University before completing
13 her bachelor's degree at Sul Ross State University; she earned her
14 law degree at Texas Tech University and started her legal career at
15 ScottHulse PC before joining Ryan & Sanders, LLP, where she worked
16 from 2002 to 2011; from 2011 until her death, she was counsel at
17 Kemp Smith, LLP, in El Paso; she was a member of the El Paso Bar
18 Association and the El Paso Estate Planning Council; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Sproul-Hurley expressed her deep love of Jeff
20 Davis County through her years of public service, first as a county
21 commissioner and then as Jeff Davis County judge; in addition, she
22 and her husband, Roy Hurley, owned and operated the H. E. Sproul
23 Ranch and Harvard Hotel & Lodge as a cattle ranch, hunting lodge,
24 and event venue, maintaining a family legacy that spans more than

1 130 years; and

2 WHEREAS, Warm-hearted, strong, and generous, Kerith
3 Sproul-Hurley lived a rich and purposeful life devoted to her
4 family and her fellow citizens, and though she was taken much too
5 soon, she leaves behind a legacy that will continue to inspire all
6 those who knew and loved her; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Kerith Risa
9 Sproul-Hurley and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of her
10 family: to her husband, Roy Hurley; to her stepchildren, Kelly
11 Hurley, April Hurley Whitney and her husband, Spencer, Hunter
12 Hurley and his wife, Kendra, and Taylor Hurley; to her
13 step-grandchildren, Temprance and Sawyer; and to her many other
14 relatives and friends; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Kerith
18 Sproul-Hurley.